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Draft Regional Public Transport Plan 2025-2035 Feedback form

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Name:

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Do you wish to speak to your submission at a public hearing?

No

Topic 1: Are we focusing on the right things in the plan?

Do you agree that these focus areas capture Otago's public transport priorities?

Yes

Tell us more:

Within the integrated network section, I believe the bus systems should consider expanding into the Dunedin airport zone. Within the value for money section, I believe a tertiary concession should be considered which may entice more students to take the bus to university which not only helps the environment but creates more revenue for the bus system itself.

Topic 2: Should we support community transport services in smaller towns and rural areas?

Our proposal: we are considering the establishment of a subsidised community transport programme providing support for transport services in Otago's smaller towns and rural areas.

What do you think about this proposal?

Do you agree with ORC having a role in supporting community transport services?

Yes

Are there other initiatives or programmes that you think Council should be considering?

Yes

Tell us more:

Maybe.

Topic 3: Should we increase our passenger fares?

Our proposal: we are considering increasing the base fare for adult Bee Card passengers from \$2 to \$2.50. This would effectively increase bus fares for all passengers using Bee Cards by 25%.

What do you think about this proposal?

Should Council increase the adult Bee Card fare?

No

Tell us more:

I used to have a community concession which made my fares \$1 each way which was fantastic! Now, I have gone back to normal fares as I don't qualify for a CSC as a postgraduate student, however, I don't get funding or have time to get a job to help pay for these costs. Therefore, I think that costs in the immediate Dunedin area should remain the same, and that a tertiary/student concession is created. I think fares could be increased if you were travelling down the peninsula or out to Mosgiel but central Dunedin fares should stay fixed.

Topic 4: Should we charge more for longer trips?

Our proposal: we are considering introducing a zone fare system to our bus networks in Dunedin and Queenstown. Under this system, passengers travelling further distances across multiple zones will pay a higher fare than those travelling short distances within one zone.

What do you think about this proposal?

Should Council charge more for longer trips?

Yes

Tell us more:

Within reason, I think central Dunedin Suburbs (e.g. St Clair, Ravensbourne, Roslyn, Wakari, Normanby etc.) should remain fixed at a low fare but maybe heading out down the peninsula/port Chalmers/Mosgiel could be increased slightly.

Topic 5: Should we keep our free fares for children (5-12 years)?

Our proposal:

A. Retain free fares (100% discount) for children (5-12 years), **AND**

B. Standardise our concession discount for youth (13-18 years) to 40% across both the Dunedin and Queenstown networks. For example, if the adult fare is \$2, youth pay \$1.20, or if the adult fare is \$2.50, youth pay \$1.50.

What do you think about this proposal?

Should Council retain free fares (100% discount) for children (5-12 years)?

Yes

Should Council standardise our concession discount for youth (13-18 years) to 40% across both the Dunedin and Queenstown networks?

Yes

Tell us more:

If they want to standardise a concession discount for youth they should also include one for tertiary students.

Any other comments?

Let us know if you have any other comments or ideas on the topics discussed in the Draft Regional Public Transport Plan.

Please please please add a tertiary concession. Wellington has one! Dunedin needs one.